

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 07-50

Introduced by: Council Member Shrodes

Legislative Day No.: 07-34 Date: December 4, 2007

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection A, of Section 9-28, Membership; terms, of Article VI, Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council, of Part 2, Non-binding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Agencies; to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Article XXVIIC, Core Service Agency, of Part 3, Authoritative Boards and Commissions, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Agencies; to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection B(8), of Section 23-12, Persons required to file statements, of Article IV, Financial Disclosure, of Chapter 23, Ethics Code, all of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for a name change for the Harford County Core Service Agency; and generally relating to the Harford County Core Service Agency.

By the Council, December 4, 2007

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: January 8, 2008

at: 7:00 p.m.

By Order: Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on January 8, 2008, and concluded on, January 8, 2008.

Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1    **Section 1.**    *Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland,* that  
2    Subsection A, of Section 9-28, Membership; terms, of Article VI, Mental Health and  
3    Addictions Advisory Council, of Part 2, Non-binding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards,  
4    Commissions, Councils and Agencies, be, and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with  
5    amendments; that Article XXVIIC, Core Service Agency, of Part 3, Authoritative Boards and  
6    Commissions, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Agencies, be, and it is  
7    hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments; that Subsection B(8), of Section 23-12,  
8    Persons required to file statements, of Article IV, Financial Disclosure, of Chapter 23, Ethics  
9    Code, be, and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all of the Harford  
10   County Code, as amended, to read as follows:

11    **Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies.**

12    **Part 2. Nonbinding Advisory Boards.**

13    **Article VI. Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council.**

14    **Section 9-28. Membership; terms.**

15    A.    The Council shall consist of:

16        (1)    As ex officio members:

17            (a)    The County Health Officer.

18            (b)    The Regional OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH Core Service  
19                    Agency OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC. Liaison.

20            (c)    The regional representative of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse  
21                    Administration.

22            (d)    The County Alcoholism Coordinator.

23            (e)    The County Drug Abuse Program Coordinator.

- (f) The County Adolescent Drug Abuse Program Coordinator.
- (g) The Director of the OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH Core Service Agency OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.
- (h) The Drug/Alcohol Impact Coordinator.
- (i) The Executive Director for the Harford County Office of Substance Abuse.

(2) The following members, appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council:

- (a) A representative of the County Executive.
- (b) A representative of the county public schools.
- (c) A representative of the Local Department of Social Services.
- (d) A representative of the Local Juvenile Services Agency.
- (e) A representative of the County Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (f) A representative of the State Division of Parole and Probation.
- (g) A representative of a law enforcement agency.
- (h) An individual who has received or is receiving mental health care.
- (i) A representative of the Local Council on Alcoholism.
- (j) Two (2) employees of alcoholism treatment programs in the county.
- (k) An employee of a drug abuse treatment program in the county.
- (l) An individual who is a relative of a mental health care recipient.
- (m) Three (3) members of the public who have an interest in the provision of mental health services in the county.
- (n) Two (2) members of the public who have an interest in the problems of

1 alcoholism.

2 (o) A representative of the clergy.

3 (p) A practicing physician.

4 (q) A mental health professional who is not a physician.

5 (r) A representative of the Mental Health Association.

6 (s) A representative of the legal profession.

7 (3) A member of the County Council, appointed by the County Council.

8 (4) A representative of the residential unit of a state mental health facility that  
9 serves the county, appointed by the Director of the Mental Hygiene  
10 Administration in accordance with § 10-309(a)(2) of the Health-General Article  
11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

12 **Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies.**

13 **Part 3. Authoritative Boards and Commissions.**

14 **Article XXVIIC. [Core Service Agency] OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH CORE**  
15 **SERVICE AGENCY OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.**

16 **Section 9-176.9. Establishment; Board of Directors.**

17 A. There is [a] AN OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH [Harford County] Core Service  
18 Agency OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.

19 B. The Agency is operated by a Board of Directors.

20 C. The Board consists of thirteen members appointed by the Board of Health.

21 (1) The ex officio members are:

22 (a) The County Executive or the County Executive's designee;

23 (b) A member of the County Council;

- 1                   (c)    The County Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee; and
- 2                   (d)    A member of the Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council,
- 3                        recommended by the Advisory Council;

4           (2)    The remaining members are:

5                   (a)    A representative of the provider community;

6                   (b)    Three County residents who are:

7                        (1)    Currently receiving or have received mental health or addictions

8                                services;

9                        (2)    Family members of individuals who are currently receiving or

10                               have received mental health or addictions services; or

11                       (3)    Members of a mental health advocacy organization.

12                   (c)    Two County residents who are members of the business community,

13                        one of which shall be:

14                        (1)    Currently receiving or have received mental health or addictions

15                                services;

16                        (2)    A family member of an individual who is currently receiving or

17                                has received mental health or addictions services; or

18                        (3)    A member of a mental health advocacy organization.

19                   (d)    A County resident licensed to practice law in Maryland; and

20                   (e)    Two County residents who have an interest in the provision of mental

21                                health or addictions services in Harford County, but are not providers.

22    D.    The term of an appointed member is 3 years. At the end of a term, a member continues

23           to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. A member who is appointed after a

1 term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed  
2 and qualifies.

3 E. No person is eligible for succession as a Board member after serving on the Board for 2  
4 consecutive 3-year terms.

5 F. Board members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable and  
6 necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

7 G. From among its members, the Board annually shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-  
8 Chairperson, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

9 **Section 9-176.10. Powers and duties.**

10 The Board shall:

11 A. Be the initial recipient of all state and County funds for mental health and addictions  
12 services in the County;

13 B. Establish performance standards for service providers;

14 C. Be responsible for monitoring the quality of mental health and addictions services in  
15 Harford County;

16 D. Contract for the delivery of mental health and addictions services in Harford County;

17 E. Establish and maintain a consumer information system and referral service;

18 F. Provide oversight of publicly-funded mental health and addictions programs, including  
19 the establishment of quality assurance and utilization review data for all grantees and  
20 subcontractors;

21 G. Establish the policies and procedures of the OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH Core  
22 Services Agency OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.;

23 H. Annually review and approve the budget of the OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH Core

Services Agency OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.;

I. Select and appoint the Executive Director of the OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH  
Core Services Agency OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.;

J. Annually review the performance of the Executive Director;

K. Establish a conflict of interest policy for employees of the OFFICE ON MENTAL  
HEALTH Core Services Agency OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.;

L. Upon recommendation of the Director, appoint any other necessary employees;

M. Establish personnel policies for employees of the OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH  
Core Services Agency OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.;

N. Adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business;

O. Report to the County Board of Health at least twice a year;

P. Issue by October 1 of each year a report regarding the status of the mental health and  
addictions services in Harford County;

Q. Provide, with assistance from the Executive Director and staff, all required fiscal,  
statistical, and narrative reports to the State Mental Hygiene Administration, the  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, and other agencies.

**Chapter 23. Ethics Code.**

**Article IV. Financial Disclosure.**

**Section 23-12. Persons required to file statements.**

B. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, all individuals holding or appointed to the  
following offices and positions in the county:

8. The members of the following county boards:

(j) The Citizen Nursing Home Board;

1 (k) The OFFICE ON MENTAL HEALTH Core Service Agency OF  
2 HARFORD COUNTY, INC.;

3 (l) The Board of Estimates;

4 (m) The Board of Ethics;

5 (n) The Harford Center Board of Directors;

6 (o) The Board of Library Trustees;

7 (p) The Personnel Advisory Board; and

8 (q) The Planning Advisory Board.

9 **Section 2.** *And Be It Further Enacted,* that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days  
10 from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: March 10, 2008

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that fifteen (15)  
copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to  
the public and the press.*

  
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Council Administrator



HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 07-50

Brief Title Core Service Agency – Name Change

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator

Date January 8, 2008

**ENROLLED**

Billy Boniface  
Council President

Date January 8, 2008

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 08-01

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 9th day of January, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator



**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

David H. Craig  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date January 10, 2008

**BY THE COUNCIL**

This Bill No. 07-50 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on January 10, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 10, 2008

Barbara J. O'Connor  
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Council Administrator